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Title: Need to sanction the pilot project for improving field approach roads in Jalgaon district, Maharashtra.

SHRI HARIBHAU JAWALE (RAVER): Reports of Ministry of Agriculture state that there are losses of food grains and horticulture products upto Rs.50,000 crore yearly due to damage of food grains during transportation from fields to market. Several surveys have been conducted to assess the post harvest losses of foodgrains in India. The report of World Bank also states about the post harvest losses of foodgrains in India. Most prominent reason behind post harvest losses of food grains and horticulture products is lack of proper infrastructure facility for transportation from farms to market. To achieve targeted growth rate of 4% in agriculture sector, it is necessary to save the foodgrain from post harvest losses by creating better infrastructural facilities by constructing field approach roads. Government is going to implement National Food Security Act. There is need for huge quantity of food grain to implement this food security act.

Maharashtra Government had sent a proposal for sanction of Rs. 109 crore for improvement in condition of field approach roads in Jalgaon district. The improvement in field approach roads will be helpful to farmers. It will save huge quantity of food grains and horticulture products which are getting damaged due to unavailability of field approach roads.

I request the Government to sanction the Pilot project of improvement of field approach roads in Jalgaon district submitted by Government of Maharashtra.